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Title: Patch for Screening the Sensitization State of a Subject With Respect to an Allergen and Use Thereof

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2007, Applicant hereby elects:
Group I comprising claims 1-12 and 14-16.

Further, Applicant elects the following species for Group I:

- I. Species 2 in which part of the non-adhesive surface is covered with active agent.
- II. Species 2 c polypropylenes.
- III. Species 1 lyophilization.
- IV. Species 2 non-adhesive surface.
- V. Species 2 in which the back of the support is covered with a label which can be peeled off.

Pending claims 1, 3-12 and 14-16 are believed to read on the elected species.

In the initial Office Action, claims 1-13 were subject to a restriction requirement and an election of species requirement. Claims 14-16 added by a Preliminary Amendment submitted along with the original application were not treated in this Office Action. For purposes of this Response, Applicant assumes that claims 14-16 would be grouped with claims 1-12.

By electing Group I and the identified species, Applicant has fully responded to the initial Office Action. Examination on the merits and allowance of all of the claims in this application are respectfully requested.

If it would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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